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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/656,413, filed September 6, 2000.For (Title): METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ROLLING ELEMENT STRINGBy (Inventors): Hidekazu MICHIOKA; Yasuhiro MATSUMOTO; Hiroshi NAKABAYASHI; Katsuya IIDA; Daisuke YATSUSHIRO

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

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FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
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3. A Check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. Cancel claims _____ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Continuation Division Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/656,413 filed September 6, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
7. Formal drawings (Figs. 1-19) are attached.
8. Priority of foreign application No. 11-252572 filed September 7, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
9. The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/656,413 on November 15, 2000.

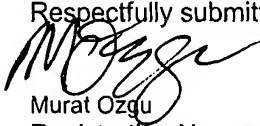
10. A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
11. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
12. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____.
13. The prior application is assigned of record to THK Co., Ltd., recorded at Reel 011247, Frame 0258 on November 15, 2000.
14. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
15. A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
16. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
17. Small entity status:
 a. A small entity statement is attached.
 b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.
 c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
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